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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08/03/2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1 – 30 are pending.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 5, 11, 15, 21 and 25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection, as necessitated by amendment made by applicant on 08/03/2007.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 – 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nessett et al U.S. Patent No. (6,766,453) in view of Berman et al. U.S. PG-Publication No. (2003/022116) and Dujari et al. U.S. Patent No. (7,191,467).
3. As per claim 1, Nessett teaches generating a first secret known to the first device and a second secret known to the second device using communications between the first device and the second device over a first communication channel, said first and second secrets ostensibly being the same, (Nessett, Col. 2 Lines 58 – 67) from the first

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device, producing first information derived from the first secret (Nessett, Col. 2 Lines 58 – 67), from the second device, producing second information derived from the second secret; (Nessett, Col. 3 Lines 1 – 17) but fails to teach using a communication channel other than the first communication channel and a communication method other than the first communication method, comparing the first information and the second information in a manner sufficient to assure a third party that the first secret and the second secret are the same; and enabling the first and second device to use the first and second secrets upon the third party being assured that the first secret and the second secret are the same. However, in an analogous art Berman teaches using a communication channel other than the first communication channel and a communication method other than the first communication method, comparing the first information and the second information in a manner sufficient to assure a third party that the first secret and the second secret are the same (Berman, Paragraph 0062, communication between server and the authenticating server, which in turn authenticates the user and the server) and Dujari teaches enabling the first and second device to use the first and second secrets upon the third party being assured that the first secret and the second secret are the same (Dujari, Col. 12 Lines 58 – 62, out of band authentication).

At the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use, Berman's mutual authentication with secure transport and client authentication with Nesset's authenticated Diffie-Hellman key agreement protocol because it offers the advantage of secure authentication (Berman, Paragraph 0008).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use, Dujari's method of integrating third party authentication with Nesset's authenticated Diffie-Hellman key agreement protocol because it offers the advantage of being a secure form of authenticating information (Dujari, Col. 22 Lines 10 – 14).

4. As per claims 2, 12 and 22, Nessett teaches the first device and the second device generate the first and second secrets using a Diffie-Hellman key exchange (Nessett, Col. 2 Lines 40 – 57).

5. As per claims 3, 13 and 23, Nessett teaches the first information is derived from a hash of the first secret; and the second information is derived from a hash of the second secret (Nessett, Col. 7 Lines 18 – 27).

6. As per claims 4, 10, 14, 20, 24 and 30, Nesset teaches the first information comprises a credential (Nessett, Col. 2 Lines 61 – 63).

7. As per claim 5, Nessett teaches communicating a commitment from the first device to the second device over a first communication channel, said commitment comprising information derived from a security value known to the first device (Nessett, Col. 6 Lines 49 – 65), communicating from the second device to the first device over the first communication channel, information for use in generating a first secret, communicating the security value from the first device to the second device, generating the first secret at the first device and a second secret at the second device (Nessett, Col. 2 Lines 58 – 67), said first and second secrets ostensibly being the same from the first device, on a communication channel other than the first communication channel,

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validating first verification information related to the first secret from the second device (Nessett, Col. 3 Lines 1 – 17) but fails to teach from the first device, on a communication channel other than the first communication channel and using a communication method other than the first communication method, validating first verification information related to the first secret, from the second device, on a communication channel other than the first communication channel and using a communication method other than the first communication method, validating second verification information related to the second secret and enabling the first and second devices to use the first and second secrets upon a third party being assured that the first secret and the second secret are the same. However in an analogous art Berman teaches from the first device, on a communication channel other than the first communication channel and using a communication method other than the first communication method, validating first verification information related to the first secret, from the second device, on a communication channel other than the first communication channel and using a communication method other than the first communication method, validating second verification information related to the second secret (Berman, Paragraph 0062, another communication system used to verify information, communication between server and the authenticating server, which in turn authenticates the user and the server) and Dujari teaches enabling the first and second devices to use the first and second secrets upon a third party being assured that the first secret and the second secret are the same (Dujari, Col. 12 Lines 58 – 62, out of band authentication).

At the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use, Berman's mutual authentication with secure transport and client authentication with Nessel's authenticated Diffie-Hellman key agreement protocol because it offers the advantage of secure authentication (Berman, Paragraph 0008).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use, Dujari's method of integrating third party authentication with Nessel's authenticated Diffie-Hellman key agreement protocol because it offers the advantage of being a secure form of authenticating information (Dujari, Col. 22 Lines 10 – 14).

8. As per claims 6, 16 and 26, Nessel teaches the commitment is a hash of the security value (Nessel, Col. 7 Lines 18 – 27).

9. As per claims 7, 17 and 27, Nessel teaches the first verification information is a hash value derived from the first secret and the security value (Nessel, Col. 7 Lines 18 – 27).

10. As per claims 8, 18 and 28, Nessel teaches the first verification information is a hash value derived from a catenation of the first secret with the security value (Nessel, Col. 7 Lines 23 – 27).

11. As per claim 9, 19 and 29, Nessel teaches the length of the verification information is shorter than a length needed to provide a substantially identical level of security in a substantially identical method that does not utilize said commitment (Nessel, Col. 7 Lines 18 – 26, Hashed).

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12. As per claims 11, 15 and 21, Nessett disclose generates a first secret that is ostensibly shared with the other device using the first communication channel (Nessett, Col. 2 Lines 58 – 67), but fails to teach an interface to a first communication channel associated with a first communication method, an interface to a second communication channel associated with a communication method other than the first communication method and validates on the second communication channel verification information derived from the ostensibly shared secret, and is enabled to use the ostensibly shared secret upon receipt of an indication that a third party is assured that the first secret is shared with the other device. However, in an analogous art Berman teaches an interface to a first communication channel associated with a first communication method, an interface to a second communication channel associated with a communication method other than the first communication method (Berman, Paragraph 0062, another communication system used to verify information, communication between server and the authenticating server, which in turn authenticates the user and the server) and Dujari teaches teach validates on the second communication channel verification information derived from the ostensibly shared secret, and is enabled to use the ostensibly shared secret upon receipt of an indication that a third party is assured that the first secret is shared with the other device (Dujari, Col. 12 Lines 59 – 64).

At the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use, Berman's mutual authentication with secure transport and client authentication with Nesset's authenticated Diffie-Hellman key agreement protocol because it offers the advantage of secure authentication (Berman, Paragraph 0008).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use, Dujari's method of integrating third party authentication with Nessel's authenticated Diffie-Hellman key agreement protocol because it offers the advantage of being a secure form of authenticating information (Dujari, Col. 22 Lines 10 – 14).

13. As per claim 25, Nessel teaches communicates over the first communication channel information for use in generating a shared secret, communicates the security value over the first communication channel, generates a first secret ostensibly shared with the device (Nessel, Col. 3 Lines 1 – 17) but fails to teach an interface to a first communication channel associated with a first communication method, an interface to a second communication channel associated with a communication method other than the first communication method and communicates over the second communication channel verification information related to the secret and enables the network to use the first secret upon receipt of an indication that a third party is assured that the first secret is shared with the device. However, in an analogous art Berman teaches an interface to a first communication channel associated with a first communication method, an interface to a second communication channel associated with a communication method other than the first communication method Berman, Paragraph 0062, another communication system used to verify information, communication between server and the authenticating server, which in turn authenticates the user and the server) and Dujari teaches communicates over the second communication channel verification information related to the secret and enables the network to use the first

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secret upon receipt of an indication that a third party is assured that the first secret is shared with the device (Dujari, Col. 12 Lines 59 – 64).

At the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use, Berman's mutual authentication with secure transport and client authentication with Nessel's authenticated Diffie-Hellman key agreement protocol because it offers the advantage of secure authentication (Berman, Paragraph 0008).

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At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use, Dujari's method of integrating third party authentication with Nessel's authenticated Diffie-Hellman key agreement protocol because it offers the advantage of being a secure form of authenticating information (Dujari, Col. 22 Lines 10 – 14).

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

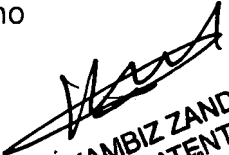
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